

CEMETERIES

Public and private cemeteries (burying grounds) exist in Newton. There are three city cemeteries located as follows: one on Centre Street, one on River Street and one on Winchester Street. Known as the East Parish Burying Ground, the Centre Street Cemetery is the oldest. Located at the corner of Cotton and Centre streets, the first grave dug here was in 1664. A map showing the location of grave sites is available in the Newton Collection. The *Plan of the Centre Street Cemetery* is stored in a mailing tube in the compact shelving area of the Special Collections Room.

The West Parish Burying Ground or River Street Cemetery at the corner of Cherry and River streets in West Newton dates from 1781. This cemetery has been in the care of the City since the 1880s. The third public cemetery located on Winchester Street was known as the South Burying Ground, Evergreen Cemetery, or the Winchester Street Cemetery. It was deeded to the city of Newton in 1834. A name index of persons interred in these three cemeteries is available at the Engineering Department, Newton City Hall. There is also a list of burials for these public burying grounds posted on <http://www.interment.net>

The private Newton Cemetery (791 Walnut Street, Newton Centre) near City Hall and the Newton Free Library, is situated on rolling, forested land with a scattering of shrubs, ponds and streams. It is a spot of quiet beauty that was set aside by public spirited citizens in 1855 and has been acknowledged as one of the most beautiful cemeteries of its size in the country. St. Mary's Cemetery the other private cemetery is owned by St Mary's Episcopal Church on Grove Street, in Newton Lower Falls. Its stark beauty is matched by the church which borders one side.

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A collection of materials related to medical establishments in Newton as well as the Newton Cemetery Corporation. By-ls and regulations of the Newton Cemetery Corporation -- By-ls adopted by the Newton Cottage Hospital -- Order of exercises at the dedication of the Bigelow Chapel -- Newton Hospital volunteer services -- Newton Hospital Aid Association -- Newton Nurses Alumnae bulletin -- Addresses delivered at the dedication of the Training School for Nurses of the Newton Hospital -- Newton Cemetery Corporation, 1873 -- Newton Cemetery, 1907 -- Annual report, Newton Cemetery, Newton, Mass., June, 1905 -- Yesterday's Newton : cemeteries become parks / by Kenneth Newcomb -- Newton Cemetery Corporation : list of officers and trustees, 1997 -- Newton Cemetery Corporation : garden lots, In crypts, above-ground complexes & columbarium -- Newton Cemetery Corporation-various plans -- Newton Cemetery Corporation : a beautiful garden cemetery serving greater Boston (Newton Cemetery Corporation brochure) -- A place of rest, solace & healing beauty (Newton Cemetery Corporation brochure) -- 10 things everyone should know before making their final arrangements (Newton Cemetery Corporation brochure) -- "Newton Cemetery" from

Dead and Buried in New England / by Mary Maynard -- Restoring Newton's historic burying grounds (pamphlet of the Newton Burial Ground Project) -- Looking at Newton's historic burying grounds (pamphlet of the Newton Burial Ground Project) -- The Old Burial Ground : Centre Street, Newton, Mass. -- Schedule of service charges and grave and lot prices : Newton Cemetery Corporation (effective January 1, 1995) -- Schedule of service charges and grave and lot prices : Newton Cemetery Corporation (effective January 1, 1998).

Fleishman, Thelma. NEWTON'S GARDEN CEMETERY, EST. 1855 / Thelma Fleishman. [Newton, Mass.] : Newton Historical Society, 2010. 85 p. : ill. ; 16 x 22 cm. Newton Special: [N 614.61 F62N 2010](#)

History of Newton Cemetery on Walnut Street in Newton Centre by Thelma Fleishman, Newton historian and author. The Newton Cemetery contains a Civil War Soldiers' Monument and Entablature that was erected while the war was still in progress. The entablature is engraved with a list of the Newton soldiers names who died in the war. It was dedicated in July of 1864.

THE NEWTON CEMETERY. Newton, Massachusetts, 1915. 49 p. ill. Newton Special: [N 614.61 N48N 1915](#) (*Also Microform*)

In 1915 the cemetery covered 115 acres. This short book gives a description of the cemetery and its services, the history from its inception in 1885, the rules and regulations, and a catalogue of proprietors. The seventeen photographs impart a sense of the beauty of the land.

THE NEWTON CEMETERY, NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS. [Newton Centre, Mass. : Newton Cemetery Corp.], 1915- v. : ill., map ; 21 cm. April 1915- Newton Special: [N 614.61 N48N](#)

Description based on volume dated April, 1915.

THE NEWTON CEMETERY. Newton, Massachusetts, 1923. 69 p. ill. Newton Special: [N 614.61 N48N 1923](#) (*Also Microform*)

Same basic format as the 1915 book. Includes a few new photographs, a more complete set of rules and regulations, and by-laws.

Hurney, Beverly E., ST. MARY'S CEMETERY, NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS: EPITAPHS. Boston, Mass. : New England Historic Genealogical Society, c2000. ix, [5], 126 p. : ill., map ; 23 cm

Newton Special: [N 929.5 HURNEY 2000](#)

The author Beverly E. Hurney is Superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery in Lower Falls. The volume sections are: History, Introduction, Maps, Epitaphs, Bibliography, Surname Index and Maiden Name Index. The epitaph section sets forth the full carvings on each of the Cemetery's tombstones. Includes bibliographical references (p. 103) and indexes.

Fleishman, Thelma. Where Newton began: a guide to the East Parish Burying Ground / Thelma Fleishman. Newton, MA : Newton Historical Society, 2004. 72 p. : ill., charts, maps ; 22 cm.

Newton Special: N 974.44 F62W 2004

An historical account of the earliest use of the East Parish Burying Ground located on Centre Street, Newton. Along with brief biographies of early burials the booklet includes maps of the grounds, a brief analysis of grave marker styles and photographs of markers of interest. This cemetery has been closed to burials since 1982. The book includes bibliographical references (p.68) and an index.

Shapiro, Leo. MARMOREK EASES UP AFTER 18 YEARS : HE LEARNED HEARTBREAK AT CEMETERIES / by Leo Shapiro. [1967] [1] leaf : ill. ; 28 cm.

Newton Special: N E M34 .SH 1967

Photograph clipped from The Boston Globe (Aug. 8, 1967) about Eric Marmorek, cemetery innovator and executive vice president of Sharon Memorial Park, the first Jewish memorial park in the New England.

PLAN OF THE CENTRE STREET CEMETERY [map]. 1918. 1 ms. map : ink dring, col. ; 122 X 91 cm.

Newton Special: Plan Stored in Mailing Tube

This plan is a map of the burial plots with the plot number, last name of the deceased and year of burial listed. The Centre Street Cemetery is also known as the East Parish Burying Ground. Amended version of map originally dated January 1901. "Amended to Nov. 13, 1918".